



STATE OF DELAWARE
STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION
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STATE FIRE PREVENTION COMMISSION

Monthly Meeting

June 18, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Roberts, Chairman
Alan Robinson, Jr., Vice Chairman
Ron Marvel
Lynn Truitt
William C. Kelly
Joseph J. Leonetti, Sr.
Richard T. Perillo

ALSO PRESENT

Joseph C. Handlon, Deputy Attorney General
Patrick Matthews, BLS Medical Director
Sherry Lambertson, Executive Assistant
David J. Truax, Investigator/Compliance Officer
Grover P. Ingle, State Fire Marshal
Robert P. Newnam, Director, State Fire School

GUESTS

Michael Chionchio, Office of State Fire Marshal
Jay Jones, DVFA
Tom Dicristofaro, DVFA
Bill Betts, DVFA
Warren Jones, DVFA
Robin Brown, OEMS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Roberts called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

REGULAR BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MAY 21, 2019 COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Vice Chairman Robinson, and seconded by Commissioner Truitt that the minutes of the May 21, 2019 Commission meeting be approved. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

REPORT OF THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Personnel Items

Fire Marshal Ingle reported that Deputy Fire Marshal III John Krzysiak has obtained 20 years of State service with 15 of those years with the Office of State Fire Marshal. Fire Marshal Ingle appreciates the good job that Deputy Krzysiak does on the investigative team in New Castle County.

Chief Deputy B. Scott Bullock has obtained 20 years of State service. He does a good job as a supervisor in the Kent County Division. Fire Marshal Ingle appreciates his continued efforts on behalf of the agency.

Deputy Fire Marshal III John Galaska and K9 Tanya are scheduled to attend their annual recertification training in Maine from July 8th – 12th.

Fire Marshal Ingle is currently working with the return to work coordinator for Michael Pfaffenhauser with modified work duties. With approval he will be back to work next week.

Fire Deaths

There are 8 fire deaths to date in 2019. Three had working smoke alarms and five did not. Two of the three that had working smoke alarms had other circumstances that hindered them from rescue. One person returned to retrieve pets and received injuries

Fire Deaths cont.

that later resulted in her death. Four of the deaths are being investigated as criminal. Two were involved with the fire and one is being looked at as an active homicide. One incident was involving juveniles and remains under investigation.

Sprinkler Save – Rehoboth Beach

Fire Marshal Ingle reported on a “Sprinkler Save” in Rehoboth Beach on May 25, 2019. Rehoboth Beach responded to a town house fire at the 300 Block of Pebble Way. Upon arrival they had fire in a dryer that spread into the room. A sprinkler head activated and contained the fire. There was minimal smoke and water damage due to the sprinkler activation and allowed the residents to stay in their residence. This residential sprinkler save was placed in the National Sprinkler Coalition News Weekly Spotlight for a sprinkler save in Delaware.

DTI Update

Fire Marshal Ingle continues to work with DTI on updating the incident system. There are a couple of corrections that still need to be made before moving forward into the reports.

KPMG Survey

Fire Marshal Ingle, R.T. Leicht and John Rudd was asked to attend a round table discussion for the purposes of participating in a survey regarding the permitting process throughout the state. The meeting was progressive.

Delaware Sprinkler Coalition

The Office of State Fire Marshal continues to work with the Delaware Sprinkler Coalition. They are doing a great job in putting out information regarding residential sprinklers.

Firework Sales

Fire Marshal Ingle reported on the stores that are permitted to carry fireworks and which stores have firework sale tents in their parking lots. The fireworks are only legally allowed to be used on July 4th. Commissioner Marvel asked if the smaller stores are required to have sprinklers. No, that was not made a requirement.

Major Incident Investigations

May 25, 2019 – Just after 3:00 PM Rehoboth Beach Fire Company was dispatched to a building fire in the 300 block of Peeble Drive, Rehoboth Beach. Upon arrival they encountered a fire that had vented out of the dryer in a townhouse unit. A sprinkler head contained the fire with minimal smoke and water damage. The occupants of the residence were able to reoccupy after the fire. Both the occupants and Management Company were thankful for the sprinkler system. Damage loss was \$1,000.

May 25, 2019 – Around 6:45 PM Marydel Fire Company was dispatched to a house fire in the 1400 block of Pony Track Road. On arrival they had smoke and fire showing. Deputy Fire Marshals were called to the scene for an investigation. Damage is estimated at \$50,000 and the incident is under investigation.

May 26, 2019 – Just shortly after 12:30 AM, the Georgetown Fire Company was dispatched to a building fire in the 20000 block of Donovan's Road. Upon arrival heavy fire was showing from the Saint Mary's Holy Church. Heavy damage was estimated at \$50,000. State Fire Investigators along with the BATF are investigating the incident to determine the origin and cause of this fire.

May 26, 2019 – Just before 7:00 PM Five Points Fire Company was dispatched to a house fire in the 200 block of Atlantic Avenue Richardson Park. Upon arrival, the fire was showing from the attic of the home. The Deputy State Fire Marshal determined the fire was accidental, originated in the attic and was caused by a malfunction of an attic exhaust fan. Estimated damage is \$100,000. Red Cross was called to assist the family with relocation needs.

May 27, 2019 – Around 12:30 PM the Christiana Fire Company was dispatched to an outside building on fire in the 600 block of Old Porter Road. Upon arrival the Fire Company found a single story Pole Barn fully engulfed in fire. Deputy Fire Marshals were called to the scene to investigate the origin and cause. Fire is currently under investigation. Damage is estimated at \$200,000.

May 27, 2019 – Around 3:30 PM Frankford Fire Company was dispatched to a mobile home fire in the 30000 block of Lively Drive Frankford. Fire was showing on arrival. State Fire Marshal Deputy was requested to the scene for an investigation. The Deputy Fire Marshal determined the fire to be accidental caused by an electrical failure. Estimated damage is \$25,000.

Major Incident Investigations cont.

May 28, 2019 – Just after 10:00 AM Harrington Fire Company was dispatched to a building fire in the 2000 block of Ingram Branch Road. Upon arrival firefighter's encountered heavy fire conditions. Deputy Fire Marshals were called to the scene to conduct an investigation. Heavy fire damage is estimated at \$100,000. The cause and origin of the fire is still currently under investigation. No injuries were reported at this fire.

May 29, 2019 – Around 4:30 AM Mill Creek Company was dispatched to a house fire in the 300 block of Mitchell Drive in Mitchell Estates. Upon arrival heavy fire and smoke was showing from the second floor of the residence. Investigators from the Fire Marshal's Office were called to the scene and determined the fire was accidental caused by candles igniting combustibles. Fire heavily damaged the residence and was estimated at \$50,000. No one was injured in the fire.

June 2, 2019 – Just after 3:00 AM Aetna HH&L of Newark was dispatched to a house fire under construction in the 400 block of Tree of Heaven Way, Chestnut Hill Preserves. Upon arrival a Townhouse under construction was fully involved in fire with exposure problems to two other Townhouses. OSFM on call Deputy was requested to respond for an investigation. The investigation is continuing and cause undetermined at this time. Heavy fire damage is estimated at \$700,000. No reported injuries.

June 4, 2019 – Around 12:00 PM the Rehoboth Beach Fire Co. was alerted for a mobile home fire with a reported subject trapped in the 19000 block of Sea Air Avenue, Sea Air Village. Units arrived on scene with a working fire inside the mobile home. A male victim was transported to Beebe Hospital suffering from smoke inhalation. The victim was treated and later admitted to Crozer Chester Medical in stable condition. A second female victim was transported to Beebe Hospital for medical evaluation. Deputy Fire Marshals were called to the scene and conducted an investigation. The Deputies determined a candle inside of the living room ignited nearby combustibles causing heavy fire damage to the mobile home, estimated at \$50,000. Dwellings on both sides of the mobile home also received damaged from the fire. No smoke detectors were present in the mobile home.

June 5, 2019 – Around 8:45 PM Claymont Fire Company was dispatched to an Emergency Medical call to the 8300 block of Society Drive. Upon arrival they encountered a 96 year old male with burns to his arm and torso areas. Burned clothing from the victim was found in the unit. The victim was transported to Crozer Medical Center and admitted in stable condition. Deputy Fire Marshals were called for an investigation.

Major Incident Investigations cont.

Deputy Fire Marshals determined that the victim's clothing was ignited from a fire on the stove causing the burns to the victim. Fire was determined to be accidental with minor damage.

June 14, 2019 – Just after 1:00 AM Indian River Fire Company was dispatched to a residential structure fire in the 26000 block Flipper Road Pots Nets, Bayside. Upon arrival there was heavy smoke showing from the structure. Two victims who were outside of the structure were transported to Beebe Hospital for medical evaluation. Both victims were treated for smoke inhalation and released from the Hospital. A Deputy Fire Marshal was called to the scene to conduct an investigation. Investigation revealed the fire was accidental and caused by discarded smoking materials. Estimated damage is \$15,000.

DFIRS Incidents Received

TOTAL STATE PARTICIPATION IN COMPLIANCE			
77 %			
DELINQUENT DEPARTMENTS			
New Castle County			
Brandywine Hundred		February – April	
Minquadale		November – December (2018), March – April	
Townsend		February – April	
Kent County			
Bowers		April	
Cheswold		January – April	
Dover		April	
Frederica		March – April	
Harrington		December (2018), January – April	
Hartly		March – April	
Houston		February – April	
Little Creek		April	
Magnolia		April	
South Bowers		January & April	
Sussex County			
Roxana		February – August & October – December (2018), March - April	
OVERDUE REPORTS BY DAYS			
30 Days	60 Days	90 Days	90+ Days
4	2	3	5

Source: DFIRS Incidents received as of 6/5/19.

REPORT OF THE STATE FIRE SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Director

- Station 21 Incident Review has been completed by the Fire School and a presentation to Officers was held on June 10, 2019.
- Lease Agreement Sussex Division is due to be renewed by September 30, 2020. Director Newnam requested that the Commission reach out to Sussex County Council next year to renew the lease for an additional 30 years.
- SCBA Face piece with storage bag for each Instructor and Aides teaching Structural.
 - Fit Testing scheduled for June 25-26-27 at the Divisions
- Financial Overview – Divisions Attendance report was submitted to the Commissioners for review.
 - New Castle – 62 attendees – 19 Companies
 - Kent – 44 students – 12 Companies – one in-service
 - Sussex – 33 students – 11 Companies
- 5 Fire Academy Classes - total of 103 cadets graduating Firefighter II. Out of these 103 cadets, 21 of them are working as full-time career firefighters.
- Annual Planning and Evaluation (P&E) Staff meeting – June 19-21st
- Student Injury
 - Haz. Mat. Tech. – Dizzy, Level A, rehab, returned to class
 - Vehicle Rescue – laceration to forearm – during clean-up – treated & returnedDirector Newnam stated that it may be time to look at age limits in training. There have been two reported (fatigue) injuries of individuals over the age of 70.
 - Veh. Fire Prop – overheated, transport to KGH – age possible factor
- David Anderson, retired as a Haz. Mat. Instructor after 50 years. Director Newnam stated that he will be missed. It was moved by Commissioner Leonetti, seconded by Commissioner Perillo to send a letter to Mr. Anderson thanking him for his years of service to the Delaware State Fire School. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Staff Activities

- Haz. Mat. Conference – Baltimore, June 12-16 – Senior Instructor's Brennan, Ingram, and Stephens.
- New Castle Fire Academy Graduation – Sta. 15 – Senior Instructor Brennan
- Wilmington F.D. 40th Recruit Class Graduation – June 1st – Senior Instructor Ingram

- NFPA Public Education Workshop – Linthicum Heights, MD. July 9 – Senior Instructor Lowe

Programs/Courses

Figures in red are reference to last year's comparison of class attendance.

- Current Month
 - Driver-Operator – 40 students (29)
 - Fire Fighter Self Survival – 15 students (24)
 - Vehicle Rescue – 10 students (24)
 - Junior Fire Camp – 12 students (26)
 - Haz. Mat. Tech. 40 hour – In-service, Croda-Atlas Point Plant
- Divisions Usage
 - New Castle 8 classes (6) – Kent 3 classes (3) – Sussex 0 classes (1)
- Additions – Revisions
 - New Fire Ext. Simulators received – one each county

EMS

- Current Month
 - CEU programs – 3 programs scheduled
 - EMT Accelerated I program – 28 students

Public Education and Injury Prevention - Activity Report

- Current Month
 - Fire Safety Programs – 4 scheduled
 - DSFS Tours – 1 scheduled
 - Fire Safety Displays – 4 scheduled
 - Injury Prevention Programs – 4 scheduled
 - Injury Prevention Events – 3 scheduled

Maintenance – Building and Grounds

- Scott SCBA maintenance/repair certification class – June 29-July 1 – Chillias

Financial

- Past Due Billings
 - 30 days – 43,145.33
 - 60 days – 250.00
 - 90 days – 2,255.00
 - 120 days – 14,725.00
- 20678 Tuition Fund – 540,240.00
 - Accounts receivable – 130,257.00
- Revenue Comparison
 - Tuition – 2019 – 65,969.79, 2018 – 96,449.00
- Special Funds Summary – The Special Funds Summary report was submitted to the Commissioners for review.
- Expenditure Report – The Expenditure report was submitted to the Commissioners for review.

Staff and Office Staff Meeting Minutes

Staff and office staff meeting minutes were submitted for Commission review.

Personnel Issues

- Training Administrator position - Appeals completed
 - 15 applicants qualified – 29 applied
 - Scheduling interviews for June 25 and 26

REPORT OF THE BLS MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Matthews reported on a follow up to the May 15, 2019 memo from Dr. Robert Rosenbaum, EMS Medical Director of New Castle County regarding the Mechanical CPR Device in New Castle County. Dr. Rosenbaum made the decision that he did based on data that was collected and reviewed from New Castle County. He reviewed the memo with a representative of the Lucas Device and they agreed with his comments/findings. He also spoke to the EMS liaison for the Fire Chief's Association, who approved the memo. He presented the memo to the New Castle County Chief's Association and incorporated some of their feedback. Everyone felt that this policy was the best way to get the message out. The purpose of the memo is to minimize any delay of manual CPR within the first 10 minutes. Nothing has changed in the Protocols statewide. Dr. Rosenbaum felt the data in New Castle County supported the memo and the medical direction.

REPORT OF THE INVESTIGATOR/COMPLIANCE OFFICER

19 Annual Ambulance Unit Inspections

0 New Unit Inspections

6 Complaints Received

5 Arrest Notifications were received.

0 Patient Care Issues

0 Social Media Complaint

2 New Investigations

5 Open Cases from 2018

9 Open Cases from 2019

Mr. Truax requested a hearing for Case No. 1727 to be closed. It was moved by Commissioner Truitt, seconded by Vice Chairman Robinson to close Case No. 1727. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Consent Agreement Case No. 1906 was reviewed by the Commission for action. It was moved by Commissioner Perillo, seconded by Commissioner Truitt to accept the Consent Agreement in Case No. 1906. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Truitt -	Yes
Commissioner Kelly -	Yes
Commissioner Marvel -	Yes
Commissioner Leonetti -	Yes
Commissioner Perillo -	Yes
Vice Chairman Robinson -	Yes
Chairman Roberts -	Yes

REGULAR BUSINESS

ACTION ITEMS

Delaware State Fire Marshal Appointment

It was moved by Commissioner Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Perillo to appoint Fire Marshal Grover Ingle for another 4 year term. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Truitt -	Yes
Commissioner Kelly -	Yes
Commissioner Marvel -	Yes
Commissioner Leonetti -	Yes
Commissioner Perillo -	Yes
Vice Chairman Robinson -	Yes
Chairman Roberts -	Yes

Delaware State Fire School Director Appointment

It was moved by Vice Chairman Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Truitt to appoint Director Robert Newnam for another 4 year term. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

Commissioner Truitt -	Yes
Commissioner Kelly -	Yes
Commissioner Marvel -	Yes
Commissioner Leonetti -	Yes
Commissioner Perillo -	Yes
Vice Chairman Robinson -	Yes
Chairman Roberts -	Yes

NEW BUSINESS

None.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Thank you

Commissioner Kelly and each Commissioner thanked Director Newnam and Fire Marshal Ingle for accepting another term in their current positions. The dedication that they provide to their perspective agencies is appreciated.

Commissioner Kelly thanked Director Newnam and his staff for putting together the Incident Review report. He has hopes that good will come from the report.

DEMSOC Update

Vice Chairman Robinson reported on the DEMSOC meeting that he recently attended.

- NFPA 1917 is being discussed and up for adoption in Delaware. It was mentioned that there may be some push back from the private companies in the state due to equipment requirements.
- There was discussion on individuals that refuse transport when Narcan is needed. It is being determined if leaving the Narcan Kit at the scene with someone is viable. The Fire Prevention Commission discussed this and raised the question of training and liability on the person who leaves the kit at the scene.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION

None

REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chairman Robinson

Vice Chairman Robinson reported that he attended the Monthly Commission Meeting, Kent County Vol. Firefighters Association Meeting, Citizens Hose Fire Company Church Attendance, Citizens Hose Fire Company Meeting, DEMSOC Meeting and Citizens Hose Fire Company Board of Directors Meeting.

Commissioner Truitt

Commissioner Truitt reported that she attended the Monthly Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Marvel

Commissioner Marvel reported that he attended the Monthly Commission Meeting, Seaford Vol. Fire Company Meetings, Blades Vol. Fire Company Funeral Assistance, DVFA Meeting, Blades Vol. Fire Company Funeral, and New Castle County Meeting.

Commissioner Joseph Leonetti

Commissioner Leonetti reported that he attended the Monthly Commission Meeting, Elsmere Fire Company Monthly Meeting, Delaware Hazmat Workshop Meeting, Wilmington Fire Department Academy Graduation, Emerging Infectious Disease Tabletop Exercise, NCC Fire Chief's Meeting, DVFA Quarterly Executive Meeting, NCC EMS Oversight Committee Meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

July 16, 2019 – 9:00 AM
Commission Chamber
Delaware Fire Service Center
1463 Chestnut Grove Road
Dover, DE 19904

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Commissioner Perillo, and seconded by Commissioner Truitt that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried by a unanimous vote. The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherry R. Lambertson

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Executive Specialist

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